

REMARKS

The present application has claims 17, 18, 20, 22, and 26-32 pending.

In the October 8, 2010 Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification because it referenced the claims of the application. Applicants have herein amended the specification to delete the references noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

The Examiner, in the October 8th Office Action, also rejects claims 17, 18, 20, 22, and 26-32 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 23-44 of copending Application No. 10/564794 and over claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 11, 16, and 17 of copending Application No. 10/699158.

Applicants disagree with the Examiner's positions, but in order to advance prosecution of the subject application Applicants concurrently submit with this response terminal disclaimers with respect to copending applications 10/564794 and 10/699158, which are commonly owned with the present application by Umicore AG & Co. KG.

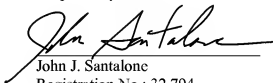
In light of the submitted terminal disclaimers and the remarks above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting set forth in the October 8, 2010 Office Action and respectfully solicit allowance of the present application.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the present response, other than the fee for the requested two-month extension of time, the fees for the submitted terminal disclaimers and the fees for the accompanying RCE and IDS, all of which have been

charged to credit card. If any additional fees are due, or an overpayment has been made, please charge, or credit, our Deposit Account No. 50-5371 for such sum.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Santalone", is written over a horizontal line.

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